

ACCELERATION.

Fifteen Million Dollars' Worth of Property Went Up in Smoke at Jacksonville, Fla.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS.

The Burned District is Two Miles in Length and About Thirteen Blocks in Width.

One Hundred and Thirty Blocks, Including Hotels, Public Buildings, Hospitals, Business Houses Etc., in Ashes.

Jacksonville, May 4. Via Yule, Fla.—Fifteen million dollars' worth of property gone up in smoke and ten thousand people made homeless as the result of an innocent-looking fire accidentally getting into the shredding machine of the American Fiber Co. Friday, at the corner of Davis and Union streets. Fire started between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and owing to this fact the loss of life will be comparatively small. The fiber factory was a wooden shell, full of inflammable material, and in a few moments was a mass of flames. The smoke billowed up, ready blowing strong from the south-west, seemed to be possessed with a sudden fury, and soon was carrying destructive embers all through the city, the fairest portion of which lay right in the course of the wind. Some delay was experienced in getting an alarm, and to add to the tragedy of the fearful accident the firemen at the water works suffered a mishap and nothing more than an ordinary pressure could be obtained.

The Flames Spread Rapidly.

By this time the flames had swept to the Boston store, a huge furniture establishment belonging to W. W. Cleveland & Son, who were also proprietors of the furniture store, and leaped across Davis street and took a course right through a section where, block after block of frame buildings, mostly occupied by Negroes, had been erected. Here it was where the fire department lost control, as simultaneously in half a dozen places, some of them in blocks from the main fire, roofs were seen to burst out in flames. It took just four hours for the restless sea of flames to consume every building in its wake for a space of six or eight blocks wide, from Davis street, near where it started, to Hogan Creek viaduct, a distance of over one and a half miles, and then, satisfied with eating the heart of the residential portion of the city out, it doubled itself and came roaring up the principal thoroughfare of trade, destroying everything in what was the original incorporation of Jacksonville.

IN THE HEART OF TOWN.

Windsor and St. James Hotels and the Opera House consumed in a Short Time.

From the humble homes of the poor to the elegant residences of the well to do was but a short journey for the flames. After passing Bridge street the first house to succumb to the flames was the mansion of former Commodore Standish. Then it seemed that wherever they happened to be a shingle roof, the flying embers found lodgment. Blocks away from the main fire other fires would break out.

Right into the heart of the town the flames swept. The Windsor hotel, the St. James, both of which winter hotels, were consumed in an incredibly short time. The opera house followed, and then row upon row of elegant residences went up. As the viaduct leading over the marshes of Hogan Creek to east Jacksonville was reached, it was plain that the limit of the progress of the flames had come. The hope of the people grew strong that the worst was over, but as far as the money value of the damage was concerned, the worst was yet to come.

A Roaring Sea of Fire.

Just as the material for the flames was apparently consumed, a shift in the wind sent a roaring sea of flames southward toward the river. Then it began to dawn on the minds of the unfortunate who had fled to the river, that they were in danger of being cut off and suffocated. A rush was made for the Jacksonville ferry, and hundreds sought refuge on the other shore.

Then came the most thrilling scene of the entire day. The flames caught the freight houses of the Atlantic, Valdosta and Western railroad, and began from there to sweep in a march in the teeth of the wind. Slowly, but surely, it ate its way against the wind, taking either side of Bay street until it reached Jones' boat yard. The wholesale grocery store of F. & H. Dowling Co., Muller & Co., and dozens of smaller concerns were slowly consumed. While the flames failed to cross the open space known as Jones' boat yard, a new danger threatened.

THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The splendid edifice and the United States Court were soon a total wreck.

The flames swept down in the rear of the United States hotel, and that, with the law excepted, was doomed. Meantime the county court house

caught fire, and another splendid edifice was soon a total wreck. From the United States hotel the flames again hopped across the street and the line of march was again taken up, only to be checked when the last building near McCoy and Hogan creek had been destroyed. The hotels destroyed include the Windsor, St. James, Placide, United States, Grid, Glenda and Oxford. The plans of the city, as prepared by the city surveyor, show that 21 blocks were burned and a part of another block. The estimates of residences to the block in the residential district is ten and in the business section the blocks were solid. The chief of police has ordered all saloons closed until further notice.

A Scene of Desolation.

Saturday morning the situation was one approaching desolation in a large section of the city. The burned district reaches from Burbridge street on the north to the Hogan Creek river on the south, a distance of not quite two miles. The width of the desolated area is 13 blocks. Within this space practically all the business blocks of the city, citizens generally and the missionary societies represented in China. Three thousand attended. Addresses of welcome were made by Judge Josiah Gien, Dr. E. R. Hutchins, John A. McCall, Gov. Charles H. Hartwell, and others. Minister Conger responded briefly, reviewing the events of the siege of Peking and the relief of the situation.

In his speech he said: "There is a history connected with this affair, which I have not seen in print and about which I will tell you. The organization which is known as the Boxers had been in existence more than a hundred years, but had long ceased to be of importance. Two Buddhist priests in the province of Shan Tung some time in the year 1890 revived the organization or made an organization which took the name of the old one. Some have said it was a patriotic organization, but it was in fact at the outset a religious movement. The priest who was the head of the movement had been educated, tried by a German court and executed. It has been learned since the suppression of the Boxers that the organization was entirely religious."

Professed Supernatural Powers.

The priests professed to have supernatural powers. The society spread in Shan Tung province and was never any danger from it until it was taken up by Gen. Yu Shen, the governor of the province, a bitter hater of all foreigners. The priest saw that he could make of this society an organization to further his ends. He encouraged the society, gave the priests funds, and assisted them in every way. The priests pretended they could call down from the skies millions of warriors fully armed and equipped, and that they would form an army to drive out of China everything that was foreign. They pretended that they could by certain rites and ceremonies make their bodies impervious to bullets. This took deep hold on the superstitious minds of the Chinese people. To this time, Rev. Dr. Brooke, a missionary, was killed more by accident than by design.

To Drive Out All Foreigners.

Gen. Yu Shen secured the assistance of a powerful princess and between them they determined to make the society sufficiently powerful to drive out all foreigners. Secret societies spread over into Chi-Li province, in which Peking is situated, and all of the foreigners were attacked and either killed or driven out. Mr. Conger declared that all of the time of the siege there was the flaming of the celebration in honor of the completion of the great amphitheater and the entries will be confined to employees of the grounds. The program will be made up of athletic contests and exhibitions of various kinds. Missouri's commissioners, E. S. Garver, James F. Beal, M. M. Fox and C. B. Bell, arrived in the city Friday. Saturday they are expected to arrive for their state building. Besides the state building Missouri has an extensive exhibit in the horticultural building consisting of palms and flowers from the Missouri Botanical gardens.

Five Years For Highway Robbery.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 4.—Forest Youtsey, aged 19, was given a sentence of five years in prison for highway robbery. Youtsey's parents reside at Gallatin, and have many friends prominent in the state, among them Gov. A. M. Holt, who endeavored to save the young man from prison.

Italian Emigrants Coming.

Rome, May 4.—Forty thousand Italian emigrants, according to the Pan-American bureau, are expected to leave for the United States this month.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

Philadelphia, May 4.—Saturday was the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. It has been marked by unusual rejoicing here in which Prince Ferdinand and Bulgarian ministers and prelates took part.

MASTER CONGER.

At a Public Reception in Des Moines, Ia., He Told of the Siege of Peking.

RELIEF OF THE FOREIGN LEGATIONS.

The Boxer Organization Has Been in Existence for More Than One Hundred Years.

During the Time of the Trouble in the Capital There Was a Fierce Veil Between the Legations and the Boxers.

Des Moines, Ia., May 4.—Minister Conger was formally welcomed to Des Moines at a public meeting in the Auditorium. The reception was tendered by the two Grand Army posts of the city, citizens generally and the missionary societies represented in China. Three thousand attended. Addresses of welcome were made by Judge Josiah Gien, Dr. E. R. Hutchins, John A. McCall, Gov. Charles H. Hartwell, and others. Minister Conger responded briefly, reviewing the events of the siege of Peking and the relief of the situation.

In his speech he said: "There is a history connected with this affair, which I have not seen in print and about which I will tell you. The organization which is known as the Boxers had been in existence more than a hundred years, but had long ceased to be of importance. Two Buddhist priests in the province of Shan Tung some time in the year 1890 revived the organization or made an organization which took the name of the old one. Some have said it was a patriotic organization, but it was in fact at the outset a religious movement. The priest who was the head of the movement had been educated, tried by a German court and executed. It has been learned since the suppression of the Boxers that the organization was entirely religious."

The priests professed to have supernatural powers. The society spread in Shan Tung province and was never any danger from it until it was taken up by Gen. Yu Shen, the governor of the province, a bitter hater of all foreigners. The priest saw that he could make of this society an organization to further his ends. He encouraged the society, gave the priests funds, and assisted them in every way. The priests pretended they could call down from the skies millions of warriors fully armed and equipped, and that they would form an army to drive out of China everything that was foreign. They pretended that they could by certain rites and ceremonies make their bodies impervious to bullets. This took deep hold on the superstitious minds of the Chinese people. To this time, Rev. Dr. Brooke, a missionary, was killed more by accident than by design.

To Drive Out All Foreigners.

Gen. Yu Shen secured the assistance of a powerful princess and between them they determined to make the society sufficiently powerful to drive out all foreigners. Secret societies spread over into Chi-Li province, in which Peking is situated, and all of the foreigners were attacked and either killed or driven out. Mr. Conger declared that all of the time of the siege there was the flaming of the celebration in honor of the completion of the great amphitheater and the entries will be confined to employees of the grounds. The program will be made up of athletic contests and exhibitions of various kinds. Missouri's commissioners, E. S. Garver, James F. Beal, M. M. Fox and C. B. Bell, arrived in the city Friday. Saturday they are expected to arrive for their state building. Besides the state building Missouri has an extensive exhibit in the horticultural building consisting of palms and flowers from the Missouri Botanical gardens.

Five Years For Highway Robbery.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 4.—Forest Youtsey, aged 19, was given a sentence of five years in prison for highway robbery. Youtsey's parents reside at Gallatin, and have many friends prominent in the state, among them Gov. A. M. Holt, who endeavored to save the young man from prison.

Italian Emigrants Coming.

Rome, May 4.—Forty thousand Italian emigrants, according to the Pan-American bureau, are expected to leave for the United States this month.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

Philadelphia, May 4.—Saturday was the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. It has been marked by unusual rejoicing here in which Prince Ferdinand and Bulgarian ministers and prelates took part.

TO PENSION EMPLOYEES.

About 40,000 Men of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, to Be Benefited.

Chicago, May 4.—President Stuyvesant Fish, of the Illinois Central Railroad Co., after a conference with A. J. Hanahan, vice president and general manager, issued a circular announcing a pension plan for the 40,000 employees of the company. The plan, which is to take effect July 1, is a more liberal in its provisions than has heretofore been adopted by any other road. The company stands to a gift of \$250,000, and in addition, will each year make an appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The pension allowances are on the following basis: For each year of service an allowance of one per cent. of the average regular monthly pay received for the ten years preceding retirement. Thus if an employee has been in the service for 40 years and has received on an average for each of the ten years \$50 per month regular wages, his pension allowance would be 10 per cent. of \$50 or \$20 per month.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

It Has Been Established in Manila By the United States Philippine Commission.

Manila, May 4.—Civil government in Manila was established Friday as a preliminary to the inauguration of a general civil government. The United States Philippine commission is unwilling at present to permit the experiment of elections here, although they have been authorized in all other municipalities. Judge Taft says a municipal government for Manila will shortly be created. The officers will probably be appointive. Lepanto and possibly all the other municipalities are expected to be organized in the near future. The board of health has completed the census of Manila. The population numbers 241,712. The trial of Lieut. Boyer, charged with commissary irregularities, has been completed. The verdict has not been announced. The trial of Capt. Barrows, also charged with commissary irregularities, begins Monday.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Pittsburgh, Brooklyn and New York Defeated Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston.

Innings. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R. H. E. Pittsburgh 3 0 0 3 0 4 0 0 0—10 13 3 Cincinnati. 0 3 1 0 0 1 1 0 0—3 8 2 Batteries—Leever and O'Connor; Batteries and Chance. Empire—Smalle. Innings. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R. H. E. Philadelphia. 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 8 3 Brooklyn. 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 3 0—5 9 1 Batteries—White and McFarland; Kilton and McGuire. Empire—O'Leary. Innings. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R. H. E. Boston. 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 4 1 New York. 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0—2 8 0 Batteries—Hunt and Smith. Empire—Nash. Woman Sentenced For Life. New Haven, Ct., May 4.—The trial of Anna Maria Rathbun, charged with the murder of her husband, V. A. Rathbun, last December, closed with a verdict of murder in the second degree and the woman was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Acting Premier.

Yokohama, May 4.—Marquis Saionji has been appointed acting premier. All the old ministry have resigned with the exception of the Japanese minister of education, Baron Yamagata, who remains firm.

THE MARKETS.

Flour and Grain. Cincinnati, May 3.—Flour.—Spring patent, \$5.18; 100 lbs. family, \$3.40; family, \$2.55; winter family, \$2.49 (27.5); family, \$3.10; 100 lbs. patent, \$3.70 (4); extra, \$2.10; 100 lbs. low grade, \$1.93; 100 lbs. northwestern, \$2.50; 100 lbs. wheat—No. 2 red nominal at 77c; 77c on track. Corn—Sales: No. 2 yellow, 44c; 45c; rejected yellow, 45c; 46c; 47c; 48c; 49c; 50c; 51c; 52c; 53c; 54c; 55c; 56c; 57c; 58c; 59c; 60c; 61c; 62c; 63c; 64c; 65c; 66c; 67c; 68c; 69c; 70c; 71c; 72c; 73c; 74c; 75c; 76c; 77c; 78c; 79c; 80c; 81c; 82c; 83c; 84c; 85c; 86c; 87c; 88c; 89c; 90c; 91c; 92c; 93c; 94c; 95c; 96c; 97c; 98c; 99c; 100c.

MISSOURI EXHIBIT.

The Commissioners Arrive at Buffalo and Select a Site for the State Building.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 4.—The date for the first sports in the Stadium at the Pan-American exposition has been fixed for May 15. They will take the form of a celebration in honor of the completion of the great amphitheater and the entries will be confined to employees of the grounds. The program will be made up of athletic contests and exhibitions of various kinds. Missouri's commissioners, E. S. Garver, James F. Beal, M. M. Fox and C. B. Bell, arrived in the city Friday. Saturday they are expected to arrive for their state building. Besides the state building Missouri has an extensive exhibit in the horticultural building consisting of palms and flowers from the Missouri Botanical gardens.

Five Years For Highway Robbery.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 4.—Forest Youtsey, aged 19, was given a sentence of five years in prison for highway robbery. Youtsey's parents reside at Gallatin, and have many friends prominent in the state, among them Gov. A. M. Holt, who endeavored to save the young man from prison.

Italian Emigrants Coming.

Rome, May 4.—Forty thousand Italian emigrants, according to the Pan-American bureau, are expected to leave for the United States this month.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

Philadelphia, May 4.—Saturday was the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. It has been marked by unusual rejoicing here in which Prince Ferdinand and Bulgarian ministers and prelates took part.

SYRUP OF FIGS

NEVER IMITATED IN QUALITY.

An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, is illustrated by the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative, gently yet promptly and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from any objectionable quality and substance, and its acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

In the process of manufacturing figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal qualities and remedy are obtained from senna and other aromatic plants, by a method known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only. In order to get its beneficial effects and to avoid imitations, please remember the full name of the Company printed on the front of every package.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y. For sale by all Druggists—Price per bottle.

People's Column

No Charge! Advertisements under the heading of "People's Column" are published free of charge. Wanted, "Lost" and "Found," and not exceeding three lines in length, are 10c per line. No Business Advertisements inserted without pay. To insure the best results, we invite our readers to use our columns. We are not responsible for the contents of advertisements. Advertisers must furnish copy, which can be left at the office or sent by mail.

THE PUBLIC LEADER.

No. 10 East Third Street.

Wanted.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Help Wanted.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Wanted—Farming Hands.

Two good men and one woman, apply to Mr. STRAUB, P.O. Box 10, Mt. Olive, Mo.

Wanted—White Girl.

To do light house work, apply to Mr. STRAUB, P.O. Box 10, Mt. Olive, Mo.

Wanted—Boys.

From 15 to 20 years of age, to work in lathing department. Apply at the office of the Public Leader.

Wanted—Cook.

Apply to E. F. BROWN, 100 West Second Street, Mayville.

For Sale.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Lost.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Found.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

John N. Dean, Commission Merchant.

Buyer of Produce, 106 South Big Exchange Street.

If Wanting

...Dental Work

Call at once and learn price. The cheap and best first-class. All work guaranteed.

H. N. SMITH.

Office—No. 10 West Second Street.

Dr. Anna B. Hewins, The Lady Dentist.

No. 10 West Second Street.

State National Bank, of Mayville, Ky.

Capital Stock, \$100,000. Surplus, \$5,000.

Doan's General Banking Business.

Samuel M. Hall, President. Charles D. Peabody, Vice-President.

Pennyroyal Pills.

Chickering's English Pennyroyal Pills.

Boulden & Parker's Fire Insurance Agency.

First National Bank.

Only first-class insurance companies represented. All risks promptly attended. We represent the best of the best.

Lambs

We have carried over too many and are offering bargains in them.

Dinner and Toilet Ware.

The season's here. Call early and make your selection before our large stock is picked over. Our line of Fancy Plates, Chops, Salads, Cakes, Vases, Etc., Goods, we can please you. Jardeniers at a loss. See our new Utopian Fireproof Baking Dish.

BRON'S CHINA PALACE.

No. 40 West Second Street, Mayville.

People's Column

No Charge! Advertisements under the heading of "People's Column" are published free of charge. Wanted, "Lost" and "Found," and not exceeding three lines in length, are 10c per line. No Business Advertisements inserted without pay. To insure the best results, we invite our readers to use our columns. We are not responsible for the contents of advertisements. Advertisers must furnish copy, which can be left at the office or sent by mail.

THE PUBLIC LEADER.

No. 10 East Third Street.

Wanted.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Help Wanted.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Wanted—Farming Hands.

Two good men and one woman, apply to Mr. STRAUB, P.O. Box 10, Mt. Olive, Mo.

Wanted—White Girl.

To do light house work, apply to Mr. STRAUB, P.O. Box 10, Mt. Olive, Mo.

Wanted—Boys.

From 15 to 20 years of age, to work in lathing department. Apply at the office of the Public Leader.

Wanted—Cook.

Apply to E. F. BROWN, 100 West Second Street, Mayville.

For Sale.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Lost.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

Found.

Advertisements under this heading, including lost items, 10 cents each insertion, or 50 cents a week.

John N. Dean, Commission Merchant.

Buyer of Produce, 106 South Big Exchange Street.

If Wanting

...Dental Work

Call at once and learn price. The cheap and best first-class. All work guaranteed.

H. N. SMITH.

Office—No. 10 West Second Street.

Dr. Anna B. Hewins, The Lady Dentist.

No. 10 West Second Street.

State National Bank, of Mayville, Ky.

Capital Stock, \$100,000. Surplus, \$5,000.

Doan's General Banking Business.

Samuel M. Hall, President. Charles D. Peabody, Vice-President.

Pennyroyal Pills.

Chickering's English Pennyroyal Pills.

Boulden & Parker's Fire Insurance Agency.

First National Bank.

Only first-class insurance companies represented. All risks promptly attended. We represent the best of the best.

